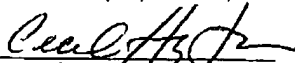


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Dear Sir:

This Response and Amendment is being filed herewith further to a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 based on U.S. Application No. 10/081,872, filed February 21, 2002. This is responsive to the final Office Action mailed May 20, 2004, setting a time for responding of August 20, 2004. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendment to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- RCE Transmittal letter; Fee Transmittal

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- Exhibit A (Current Protocols in Molecular Biology 2.10.8 (Supp. 66, April 2004));
- Exhibit B: Example 9 of the Written Description Guidelines;
- Exhibit C: alignment of gi|2251107:452-1837 Pyrococcus (Tachibana) with present SEQ ID NO:125;
- Exhibit D: alignment of gi|2251108|dbj|BAA21130.1| alp (Tachibana) with present SEQ ID NO:126;
- Rule 132 expert declaration by Dr. Short, with curriculum vitae.

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